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### **Notice to Importers and Exporters of Tropical Hardwoods**

The country of Peru recently notified the world that, effective June 12, 2001, it will regulate its populations of *Swietenia macrophylla* (bigleaf mahogany) and *Cedrela odorata* (Spanish cedar) under the Convention on International Trade of Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES). These species will be listed in Appendix III of CITES.

Bigleaf mahogany has been regulated under CITES since 1995. However, as a result of Peru's listing, logs, sawn lumber or veneers of bigleaf mahogany from Peru must now be accompanied by a CITES Export Permit as opposed to the CITES Certificate of Origin that they issued in the past.

The listing of *Cedrela odorata* is new to CITES and, similar to bigleaf mahogany, the certification requirements apply to the import, export, or re-export of *Cedrela odorata* logs, sawn wood and veneer sheets. One of the commonly used names for this wood is "Spanish cedar". Some other common names include:

**English:** Barbados cedar, Brazilian cedar, Central American cedar, Cigar box cedar, Honduras cedar, West Indian cedar.

**Spanish:** cedro, cedro amargo, cedro colorado, cedro espanol, cedro hembra, cedro real, cedro rojo.

**French:** acajou rouge, cedre acajou, cedre des barbares, cedre rouge.

**German:** zigarrenkitchenholz, westindische Zeder.

Beginning June 12, 2001, a CITES Export Permit must accompany shipments of *Cedrela odorata* from Peru. If *Cedrela odorata* is imported from any other country, it must be accompanied by a CITES Certificate of Origin issued by the CITES management authority of the exporting country. Individuals wishing to re-export this wood from the United States must obtain a CITES Re-export Certificate from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

In addition to the CITES documentation described above, those involved in the trade of CITES plants and plant products must possess a valid General Permit issued by Plant Protection and Quarantine (PPQ). In certain cases, a PPQ permit to import logs and lumber may also be required. To obtain information about the permits required by PPQ, please call the PPQ Permit Unit at their toll-free telephone number: 1-877-770-5990.

In the United States, CITES protected plants and plant products may be imported and exported through CITES "designated" ports, only. A listing of designated ports through which CITES timber species may be



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traded can be found at the following website:  
[http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppq/permits/cites.](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppq/permits/cites) That listing is also  
available in the U.S. Code of Federal Regulations, 50 CFR part 24.

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